GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INDISCRIMINATE USE OF MEDICAL STENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any report regarding indiscriminate use of medicated stents in heart patients with clogged arteries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to prevent/check the practice of indiscriminate use of medicated stents by Cardiologists?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The use of drug coated stents began in India in June, 2001. Though there has been increase in the use of medicated stents in relation to non-medicated stents from about 8% in 2002 to 38% in 2003, there is no evidence to show indiscriminate use of these stents. However, evidence based, context specific, resosurce sensitive guidelines are being developed in consultation with eminent experts in the field.